

N^o 11. South Hanover St. Edin: 20th March
1753/5

My Dear Mr. Johnston.

I was favoured with Yours a few Days ago — After revolving in my mind by what possible means So small a man as I am could contribute towards the attainment of the object you had in view for Mr. Johnston, it struck me that Lord Dundas might be got at thro' my Brother in Law Mr. David, who manages his ordinary affairs; but on communicating with him I found he had just been moving thro' Lordship in favour of his own Son John from a Midshipman in the Navy — I could, at same time, perceive, that this is a channel he reserves for the Interests of his own Family — I could think of no other

Means by which to forward Your views in re-
gard to the other objects you mention - My
very inferior state of health having thrown me
entirely out of the world, & I had formerly
any little influence over those who might
have might have done good, it is entirely
gone - I feel from my soul for the Family
you have to support, & were my Powers but
half as great, as my good wishes are
Sincere, you should not want an able
advocate for their Interests - It would have
been to me a very pleasing Circumstance
could you have procured any appointment
in this Country, as your settling here would
have given me the pleasure of frequently
seeing an old & much regarded Friend

But, I trust, a good Providence that directs
all for the best, will ever protect & provide
for, those who are dear to you — My Sister
& Family send best regards to you & yours
I shall have my Eyes open to objects offering
in this Quarter, & tho' I candidly own I des=
pair of any thing from the little weight I have
it shall nevertheless be used should occasion

Arise Remember me to Mr Johnston

Believe me My dear Mr Johnston

Your very sincere Friend

L: Gillespie

[Signature]

Cap^t Gilligan
March 24
1882

Wm. J. Gilligan

St. James

Arkney

